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For : METHOD FOR REMOVING LEUKOCYTES, LEUKOCYTE-
REMOVING FILTER AND THE USE THEREOF

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 19, 2008. Inasmuch as the one-month shortened statutory period for reply is set in the Office Action to expire on April 21, 2008 (April 19, 2008 being a Saturday), this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Concurrently with this response to the restriction requirement, Applicants file a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.